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Amended claims

1)   (Currently Amended) A method for assigning an identifier to at least one of a plurality of displayable task schedules, comprising the activities of:

      a.   initiating display of at least one interface menu supporting user entry of decision information for <u>initiating execution of at least one executable procedure for</u> automatically selecting a task from a plurality of different tasks and assigning an identifier representing a selected task to a particular task schedule of a plurality of displayable task schedules associated with a corresponding plurality of different entities, in response to received information identifying an event, said particular task schedule being associated with a particular entity of said corresponding plurality of different entities;

      b.   receiving decision information entered via said at least one interface menu; <u>and</u>

      c.   applying the received decision information <u>and initiating execution of said at least one executable procedure, in response to received information identifying an event,</u>;~~and~~

      ~~d.~~   <u>to</u> automatically <u>selecting</u>~~ing~~ <u>a task from a plurality of different tasks and</u> assign~~ing~~ a task representative identifier representing a selected task to be performed by said particular entity, to said task schedule associated with said particular entity~~, based on the application of the received decision information, in response to received information identifying an event~~.

2)   (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, including the activity of
      <u>initiating execution of at least one executable procedure to</u> automatically select~~ing~~ said particular task schedule from said plurality of displayable task schedules, in response to said ~~decision information and~~ received information identifying an event and wherein
      the step of initiating display of the at least one interface menu includes initiating display of menu elements prompting a user to identify at least one of (a) the predetermined event triggering application of the decision information in assigning the task representative identifier to the task schedule, (b) a source of the decision information, (c) decision information ~~comprising a procedure for processing data associated with a task to determine~~ <u>for initiating execution of at least one executable procedure for identifying</u> a task schedule for listing the task representative identifier.

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3)   (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein
        the decision information ~~comprises a~~ initiates execution of at least one
logical procedure for processing data associated with a task to identify a task schedule
for incorporating the task representative identifier.

4)   (Original) A method according to claim 3, wherein
        the data associated with a task comprises at least one of (a) a medical
procedure identifier for a scheduled procedure, (b) a time and date of performance of
a medical procedure, (c) patient medical record information, (d) location of
performance of a medical procedure, (e) patient type identifier and (f) patient physical
characteristics.

5)   (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, wherein
        said decision information initiates execution of said at least one
executable procedure to automatically and programmatically without user intervention
selects said task and assigns said identifier, in response to received information
identifying an event and
        the entity comprises at least one of (a) a category of users, (b) one or
more users currently designated to perform a healthcare worker role and (c) a medical
device or system.

6)   (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein:
        a.   the decision information identifies the predetermined event and
        b.   the predetermined event corresponds to at least one of (a) patient
                admission, (b) beginning of a medical procedure, (c) end of a medical
                procedure and (d) a user defined event based on information acquired.

7)   (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~further including~~
        ~~applying the~~ wherein said received decision information initiates
execution of said at least one executable procedure to ~~in prioritizing~~ prioritize a
plurality of task representative identifiers of a task schedule associated with a
particular entity in response to occurrence of a triggering event.

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8)   (Currently Amended) A method for assigning an identifier to at least one of a plurality of task schedules, comprising the activities of:

      a.   initiating display of at least one interface menu supporting user entry of decision information for assigning a task representative identifier to a ~~particular~~ selected task schedule of a plurality of displayable task schedules associated with a corresponding plurality of different entities, said ~~particular~~ selected task schedule being associated with a particular entity of said corresponding plurality of different entities and accessible by the particular entity, the decision information including data identifying:

      i.   ~~an~~ at least one executable procedure for processing data associated with a task to ~~identify~~ select a task schedule for incorporating the task representative identifier and for assigning said task representative identifier representing a task to be performed by said particular entity, to said selected task schedule, and

      ii. an event for triggering application of ~~the~~ said at least one executable procedure ~~in allocating the task representative identifier to the identified task schedule~~;

      b.   receiving decision information entered via the at least one interface menu; and

      c.   automatically initiating execution of said at least one executable procedure to ~~selecting~~ said ~~particular~~ selected task schedule from said plurality of displayable task schedules and assign said task representative identifier representing a task to be performed by said particular entity, to said selected task schedule, in response to ~~said decision information and~~ received information identifying ~~an~~ occurrence of a triggering event~~; and~~

~~d.   assigning said task representative identifier representing a task to be performed by said particular entity, to said task schedule associated with said particular entity, based on the application of the received decision information, in response to occurrence of the triggering event.~~

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9) ⸱   (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 8, wherein

said at least one interface menu supports user entry of decision information including said data identifying said at least one executable procedure for automatically and programmatically selecting a task from a plurality of different tasks and assigning an identifier representing a selected task to said ~~particular~~ selected task schedule of said plurality of displayable task schedules, in response to received information identifying an event and

the data associated with a task comprises at least one of (a) a medical procedure identifier for a scheduled procedure, (b) a time and date of performance of a medical procedure, (c) patient medical record information, (d) location of performance of a medical procedure, (e) patient type identifier and (f) patient physical characteristics.

10)   (Original) A method according to claim 8, wherein

the triggering event corresponds to at least one of (a) patient admission, (b) beginning of a medical procedure, (c) end of a medical procedure and (d) a user defined event based on acquired information.

11)   (Original) A method according to claim 8 further including

acquiring the data associated with a task.

12)   (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 8, wherein

a.   ~~the~~ said at least one executable procedure conditions allocation of the task to the task schedule associated with the particular entity upon coincidence of a plurality of occurrences, and

b.   further including acquiring data to identify the coincidence of the plurality of occurrences.

13)   (Previously presented) A method according to claim 8, wherein

a.   the triggering event is conditioned upon coincidence of a plurality of occurrences, and

b.   further including acquiring data to identify the coincidence of the plurality of occurrences.

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14)   (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 8, ~~further including~~
            ~~applying the received decision information in~~ wherein said at least one
executable procedure removes ~~removing~~ a task representative identifier from the task
schedule associated with the particular entity in response to occurrence of a triggering
event.

15)   (Currently Amended) A method for providing a user interface for assigning
an identifier to at least one of a plurality of displayable task schedules comprising the
activities of:

    a.   in response to a user command,

        i.   initiating display of at least one interface menu supporting user entry
of decision information for <u>initiating execution of at least one
executable procedure for</u> automatically <u>and</u> programmatically selecting
a task from a plurality of different tasks and assigning an identifier
representing a selected task to a particular task schedule of a plurality
of displayable task schedules associated with a corresponding plurality
of different entities, in response to received information identifying an
event, said particular task schedule being associated with a particular
entity of said corresponding plurality of different entities; and

        ii.   initiating display of an updated task schedule <u>including said selected
task having said assigned identifier</u> associated with the particular
entity, ~~the updated task schedule being generated in response to
applying received decision information, in automatically assigning a
task representative identifier representing a task to be performed by
said particular entity, to said task schedule associated with said
particular entity~~ in response to received information identifying an
event.

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16)   (Currently Amended) A method for providing a user interface supporting assigning an identifier to at least one of a plurality of task schedules comprising the activities of:

     a.   in response to a user command,

          i. initiating display of at least one interface menu supporting user entry of decision information for automatically selecting a task from a plurality of different tasks and assigning an identifier representing a selected task to a particular task schedule of a plurality of displayable task schedules associated with a corresponding plurality of different entities, in response to received information identifying an event, said particular task schedule being accessible by the particular entity, the decision information including data identifying,

          ii. ~~an~~ at least one executable procedure for processing data associated with a task to identify a task schedule for incorporating the task representative identifier and for assigning said task representative identifier representing a task to be performed by said particular entity, to said particular task schedule, and

          iii. an event for triggering application of ~~the~~ said at least one executable procedure ~~in allocating the task representative identifier to the identified task schedule~~; and

     b.   initiating display of an updated task schedule associated with the particular entity, the updated task schedule being generated in response to ~~applying received decision information~~ received information identifying a triggering event initiating execution of said at least one executable procedure to, ~~in~~ automatically ~~assigning~~ said task representative identifier representing a task to be performed by said particular entity, to said task schedule associated with said particular entity ~~in response to received information identifying a triggering event~~.

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17)   (Currently Amended) A method for assigning an identifier to at least one of a plurality of task schedules comprising the activities of:

  a.   initiating display of at least one interface menu supporting user entry of decision information for selectively assigning a task representative identifier to at least one of a plurality of displayable task schedules associated with a corresponding plurality of different entities, said at least one of ~~a~~ said plurality of displayable task schedules being associated with a respective one of said corresponding plurality of different entities, the decision information including data identifying:

    i.   ~~an~~ at least one executable procedure for processing data associated with a task to identify a task schedule for incorporating the task representative identifier and for assigning said task representative identifier representing a task to be performed by said particular entity, to said particular task schedule, and

    ii.   an event for triggering application of ~~the~~ said at least one executable procedure ~~in allocating the task representative identifier to the identified task schedule~~;

  b.   receiving decision information entered via the at least one interface menu; and

  c.   automatically initiating execution of said at least one executable procedure to ~~selecting~~ a particular task schedule from said plurality of displayable task schedules, ~~in response to received information identifying a triggering event~~;

  ~~d.   applying the received decision information; and~~

  ~~e.~~   and to automatically selectively assigning, ~~based on the application of the received decision information,~~ said task representative identifier representing a task to be performed by said respective one of said corresponding plurality of different entities, to said at least one of the plurality of task schedules associated with said corresponding plurality of different entities, in response to occurrence of the triggering event.

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18) (Currently Amended) A system for assigning an identifier to at least one of a plurality of displayable task schedules comprising:

    a.   a display processor for initiating display of at least one interface menu supporting user entry of decision information for initiating execution of at least one executable procedure for automatically selecting a task from a plurality of different tasks and assigning an identifier representing a selected task to a particular task schedule of a plurality of displayable task schedules associated with a corresponding plurality of different entities, in response to received information identifying an event, said particular task schedule being associated with a particular entity of said corresponding plurality of different entities; and

    b.   an interface processor for receiving decision information entered via the at least one interface menu and for automatically initiating execution of said at least one executable procedure, in response to received information identifying occurrence of an event;

    c.   a decision processor for automatically applying the received decision information; and

    d.   a processor for to automatically select a task from a plurality of different tasks and automatically assigning a task representative identifier representing a selected task to be performed by said particular entity, to said task schedule associated with said particular entity in response to received information identifying an event.

19) (Original) A computer program embodied within a computer-readable medium created using the method of claim 1.

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